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Parshall Man Pleads Guilty to Assault

BISMARCK - Acting United States Attorney Lynn Jordheim announced that on April 26, 2010, **Ricardo Grado, Jr.**, 33 of Parshall, North Dakota, pleaded guilty before United States District Court Judge Daniel L. Hovland on a charge of assault resulting in serious bodily injury.

In November 2009, Grado and the victim were at a bar together and got into an argument. The victim left the bar and went to a residence in Parshall. When Grado arrived at the residence, he broke a window to enter the residence, and then began to physically assault the victim by slapping her in the face multiple times causing significant bruising.

The charge of assault resulting in serious bodily injury carries a statutory maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs - Fort Berthold Agency and Three Affiliated Tribes Police Department.

Sentencing for Grado has been scheduled for August 16, 2010, in United States

District Court in Minot, North Dakota, at 10:00 a.m.

Assistant United States Attorney Rick Volk is prosecuting the case.